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**From:** "Michael H Zuckerman" <MZUCKERMAN@prodigy.net>  
**To:** A4.A4(FCCINFO)  
**Date:** 11/17/97 2:18pm  
**Subject:** 800/888 Paid Access

I understand that there are now charges for previously free 800/888 calls due to an FCC decision.

This will impede business throughout the country and is a misguided sell-out to a small group of operators who have succeeded in washing the collective brain of the FCC into accepting the "fairness" of the ridiculous proposition.

When the economy turns down as a result of the FCC decision, the phone cartel will instantly arrive at the FCC for increases in fees due to the downturn in revenues brought about by the effects of the previous decision... and it is a certainty that the FCC will comply.

I would urge you to shake your heads very hard, wake up, and rescind your stupid decision.

MICHAEL ZUCKERMAN

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**From:** JOHNSON DAVID MSM PO US <david.johnson@usla.mhs.ciba.com>  
**To:** "fcc" <fccinfo@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 11/17/97 11:19am  
**Subject:** Telecom Act of 1996 (Docket No. 96-128)

Sir,

I have just been notified that the fcc would like phone companies to pay phone service providers a \$0.30 fee for all non-emergency calls from pay phones. This would mean that I would not have the freedom to use my 800 access numbers to answer pages or contact my business but would be hampered with carrying change/filing expense reports for thirty cents. I value the ability to call 800 numbers from pay phones. If this fee is passed on to me it will be a great inconvenience.

I would recommend that the motivation for this bill be reviewed. My guess is that someone found a way to make more money off of business people who have become used to this service. If an additional TAX must be charged I would like to propose that it be mandated that this expense not be passed on to the caller at the time he is making the call so as to reduce the quality of the phone service we are used to. On the other hand, if I have to carry change just in case, I will be constantly reminded of another tax that has been passed on to citizens to discourage economic activity. Thank you.

David L. Johnson

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**From:** "Blowers, Lorraine C" <Blowers.lorraine@emeryworld.com>  
**To:** "FCC" <fccinfo@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 11/17/97 4:45pm  
**Subject:** Pager/Pay Phone Charges

To Whom This May Concern:

This message is to express our disgust with the idea to charge a fee of \$0.30 per call made from a public pay telephone on 800/888 numbers.

I am expressing our opinion that we are not in favor of this decision.

Respectfully yours,

Robert B. Casper  
RBC/lcb  
casper.robert@emeryworld.com

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**From:** SMITH RUSSELL MSM PO US <russell.smith@usla.mhs.ciba.com>  
**To:** "'FCC"' a <fccinfo.fcc.gov@novartis.com>  
**Date:** 11/17/97 4:42pm  
**Subject:** 800 Fees

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Why when things start to work well and efficient the Government steps in and proceeds to foul things up. To buckle into a Greedy few is atrocious. The 800 system works and it works well, the whole idea was to allow calls to be cost deferred and allow better public access to the phone system. Fee on the 800 service will only hurt the consumer while making a select few more rich than they already are. If the placement and operation of Coin phones be such a non-profit item, then why does everyone want to put in pay phones, there are countless companies that have installed pay-phones, there are at least 7 multilevel marketing organizations that are selling the pay phone idea not to mention the long distance and local carriers that are in the pay phone business.

The addition of a fee for 800 calls is a blatant attempt by these greedy individuals to squeeze more money from the American Public. A public that like it or not votes and has a say in the way this country is run. Adoption of a fee for this service will once again cause honest individuals to seek out better methods and in the long run only cause the loss of jobs and the loss of income to all.

Russell Smith

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